

# ASIAN STUDIES (ASNT)

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## **ASNT 1105 Introduction to Chinese Culture**

3 credit hours

This course surveys aspects of Chinese culture in their historical and social contexts. Topics will be selected by the instructor and may include folklore, literature, language and material culture. No previous study of China or the Chinese language is required.

## **ASNT 1106 Introduction to Japanese Culture**

3 credit hours

Students survey aspects of Japanese culture in their historical and social contexts. Topics will be selected by the instructor and may include folklore, literature, language, and material culture. No previous study of Japan or the Japanese language is required.

## **ASNT 1107 Introduction to Korean Culture**

3 credit hours

Students survey aspects of Korean culture in their historical and social contexts. Topics will be selected by the instructor and may include folklore, literature, language, religion, philosophy, and material culture. No previous study of Korea or the Korean language is required.

## **ASNT 1800 – 1825 Special Topics in Asian Studies**

6 credit hours

Course content varies from year to year.

## **ASNT 1826 – 1849 Special Topics in Asian Studies**

3 credit hours

Course content varies from year to year.

## **ASNT 2210 Indigenous Voices in Modern Asia**

3 credit hours

Students explore contemporary political, social, economic, and cultural issues apparent among the indigenous minority communities in China and Southeast Asia, through an examination of literary, cinematic, theatrical, artistic, and musical forms of expression.

## **ASNT 2220 Introduction to Asian Film**

3 credit hours

Students study films in chronological order to map a history of Asian cinema, covering a section of films dating from the 1950s to the present. Students access related websites, watch selected films weekly, and read assigned texts that analyze topics including history, religion, gender, narrative, visual content, and music as they relate to the various Asian cinemas.

## **ASNT 2303 Contemporary Japan: Institutions and Culture**

3 credit hours

This course will introduce modern Japan, accentuating the institutions of family, school, and workplace. Emphasis will be placed on values, social participation, and the individual's position within the context of contemporary Japanese society. No knowledge of the Japanese language is required.

## **ASNT 2305 Contemporary China: Institutions and Culture**

3 credit hours

This course will introduce modern China, accentuating the institutions of family, school, and workplace. Emphasis will be placed on values, socio-cultural practices, and the individual's position within contemporary Chinese society. No knowledge of the Chinese language is required.

## **ASNT 2800 – 2825 Special Topics in Asian Studies**

6 credit hours

Course content varies from year to year.

## **ASNT 2826 – 2849 Special Topics in Asian Studies**

3 credit hours

Course content varies from year to year.

## **ASNT 3300 Multidisciplinary Study Asia**

3 credit hours

This course will introduce students to the study of Asia from a multidisciplinary perspective. Using various disciplines in the humanities, social science and commerce fields, students will review how various disciplines intersect to create a fuller understanding of Asia.

## **ASNT 3302 Japanese Film and Literature**

3 credit hours

This course will explore the cultural representation of traditional and modern Japanese culture through film and literature. Focus will be on major works of Japanese literature, ranging from pre-modern poetry to modern fiction, as well as their cinematic adaptations. All selected works of literature are in English translation. No knowledge of the Japanese language is required.

## **ASNT 3310 Chinese Film and Literature**

3 credit hours

This course will explore the rich Chinese culture through representative major works of modern literature, as well as new film and contemporary art in China and Taiwan. Major themes to be considered include the family, the changing role of women, Western influences, modernization, and national identity. All selected works of literature are in English translation. No knowledge of the Chinese language is required.

## **ASNT 3800 - 3825 Special Topics in Asian Studies**

6 credit hours

The subject matter of these courses will be announced from time to time. They will cover various aspects of Asian Studies and will be multidisciplinary in nature. The topics to be examined will be determined by the instructor and/or Department.

## **ASNT 3826 – 3849 Special Topics in Asian Studies**

3 credit hours

The subject matter of these courses will be announced from time to time. They will cover various aspects of Asian Studies and will be multidisciplinary in nature. The topics to be examined will be determined by the instructor and/or Department.

## **ASNT 4110 Geography International Field Course: South Korea**

**GEOG 4110**

6 credit hours

**Prerequisite:** 27 credit hours, including GEOG 1100 or GEOG 1200, and permission of the instructor

This experiential learning course provides an opportunity to study the dynamic geography of South Korea (Republic of Korea). Through engaging in-class seminars and an enriching field trip to the country, students delve into diverse aspects of South Korea's physical and cultural landscape. The main themes of the course may change over the years with faculty interests and collaborative opportunities, ensuring relevance and dynamism. By adopting an integrative regional geography perspective, students gain insights into the past, present, and future of South Korea, fostering a comprehensive understanding of this vibrant nation.

**ASNT 4400 Seminar in Asian Studies**

3 credit hours

**Prerequisite:** ASNT 3300 and twelve (12) core credit hours in Asian Studies

This half course will provide an opportunity for Asian Studies students to integrate their knowledge of Asia in a multidisciplinary fashion. This course may include case studies, specific area studies and comparative approaches to regions in Asia. Both students and faculty involved in the Asian Studies program will participate in this course.

**ASNT 4500 Honours Thesis**

6 credit hours

**Prerequisite:** admission to final year of the honours program

Asian Studies students are required to submit and defend a thesis to be selected and prepared in conjunction with a faculty advisor.

**ASNT 4800 - 4825 Special Topics in Asian Studies**

6 credit hours

The subject matter of these courses will be announced from time to time. They will cover various aspects of Asian Studies and will be multidisciplinary in nature. The topics to be examined will be determined by the instructor and/or Department.

**ASNT 4826 – 4849 Special Topics in Asian Studies**

3 credit hours

The subject matter of these courses will be announced from time to time. They will cover various aspects of Asian Studies and will be multidisciplinary in nature. The topics to be examined will be determined by the instructor and/or Department.

**ASNT 4876 - 4899 Directed Study**

3 credit hours

**Prerequisite:** permission of ASNT Coordinator and instructor

Intended to supplement or provide an alternative to the regular courses in Asian Studies in order to meet the special needs and interests of students, the course provides an opportunity to study a particular subject in detail and requires from the student some measure of independence and initiative.